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To: City Council
Subject: Cambridge and HP
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Dear Councillors,

I am writing to express my disappointment that the hearing on Cambridge's contracts with Hewlett Packard has been postponed (or cancelled).

I have been a resident of Cambridge for almost 60 years, and come from a Jewish background. I am also a founding member of the Cambridge/Las Flores Sister City group and was planning to speak in favor of the divestment resolution.

This is a similar situation to that we faced around El Salvador in the 1980's--the US government and corporate elites (the HP management) are clearly underwriting and enabling massive, serious violations of human rights and international law, while our national political leadership of both parties is complicit in the crimes being committed and cannot be relied on to do anything positive to remedy the situation.

When our national leaders will not act, we must take action locally and thus the responsibility falls on you, our elected, local leaders.

So I urge you to show courage in face of the well coordinated campaign you are facing from the mainstream of pro-occupation organizations. They falsely claim to speak for all Jews but do not represent the mainstream of Jewish opinion in Cambridge or in the country as a whole As a result, despite their bluster,they do not pose a real political threat to you.

But even if they did it would not make their position any more legitimate.

So I urge you to take positive action on the HP resolution and if you do we, the mainstream in Cambridge, will have your backs.

Thank You
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